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| FORM PTO-1390 MODIFIED | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 3687-179 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/591,840 | |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2005/000441 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 February 2005 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 3 March 2004 | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION AN AUTOMATIC SAMPLER ASSOCIABLE WITH CHROMATOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS INSTRUMENTS | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US ZILIOLI | | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | | |
| <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (pages specification, claims & abstract (claims), sheets drawings).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (pages specification, claims & abstract (claims), sheets drawings, page Certificate of Translation).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration was submitted to the International Bureau during International Phase (see copies of Declaration (page Form PCT/RO/101 and Form PCT/IB/371 and first page of printed publication acknowledging receipt thereof attached).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> | | | |
| <p>Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. a. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information. International Preliminary Report on Patentability relating to PCT/IB2005/000441</p> | | | |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5): 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee \$300.00 (1631)/\$150.00 (2631) 22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee \$0 (1643/2643) \$200.00 (1633)/\$100.00 (2633) 23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee \$0 (1640/2640) \$100 (1641)/\$50 (2641) \$400 (1642)/\$200 (2642) \$500.00 (1632)/\$250.00 (2632) TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS \$ 0.00 | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617)/\$65.00 (2617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)). | | | | | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | # EXTRA | RATE | | |
| Total Claims | minus 20 = | 0 X | \$50.00 (1615)/ | | \$ 25.00 (2615) |
| Independent Claims | minus 3 = | 0 X | \$200.00 (1614) | | \$ 100.00 (2614) |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable) | | | \$ 360.00 (1616)/\$180.00 (2616) | | |
| Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s): One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251); Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252); Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253)/\$510.00 (2253); Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Processing fee of \$130.00 (1618) , for furnishing the English Translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)). + \$ 0.00 | | | | | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 0.00 | | | | | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 (8021) per property + \$ 40.00 | | | | | |
| Fee for Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application; \$1500.00 (1453) / \$750.00 (2453) \$ 0.00 | | | | | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 40.00 | | | | | |
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- a. A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
 b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 14-1140 in the amount of \$____ to cover the above fees.

- .. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- d. **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM ATTACHED.**
- e. The entire content of International Application No. PCT/IB2005/000441 and any U.S. and foreign application(s) corresponding thereto, and _____, referred to in this application is/are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.**

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SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

Attached is a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (English version) mailed September 14, 2006 and issued in the underlying International patent application.

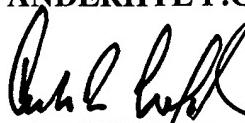
Please consider this information when examining the above-identified u.s. national stage application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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